

# Habitat Project Proposal

**Proposal Title:** Tabby Mountain Lop and Scatter

**Proposal Number:** 1076

**DWR Region:** Northeastern Region

**Lead Agency:** DWR

**County:** Duchesne

**Project Manager:** Tory Mathis

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**Regional Priority:** Within Focus Area

**Project Type:** Terrestrial Habitat

**Proposed Start Date:** 07/01/2008

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**Project Location:** On the Tabby Mountain WMA, near Tabiona, UT about 3 miles south of the Duchesne River on SR 208

**Project Description:** Improve 1,000 acres of crucial elk, deer, and sagegrouse habitat by removing encroaching conifers from sagebrush areas.

**Description of Problem/Need:** Pinyon and Juniper are encroaching into sagebrush areas in the Tabby Mountain area. This area is crucial winter range for deer, elk, and sage grouse. It is also crucial brood-rearing habitat for sage grouse. If left untreated, encroaching conifers will reduce the value of this habitat.

**Objectives:** Improve and maintain elk, mule deer, and sage grouse habitat and forage by preserving sagebrush dominated areas through the removal of competition from pinyon and juniper trees.

**Relevance to Strategic Plans:** Sage grouse are a Tier II species according to the Wildlife Action Plan. Mule deer are a Tier III species. The WAP also identifies the sagesteppe habitat as a key habitat for several species of concern. This project is also consistent with the DWR management plans for mule deer, elk, and sage grouse.

**Potential Risks:** None anticipated

**Proposed Methods:** Encroaching trees will be removed with a contract lop and scatter crew. Trees will be completely severed from the stump within 6 inches of the ground, with no live branches remaining. Slash will be limbed down to not exceed three feet in height and left on-site.

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**Shapefile Name:** Tabby Mountain L&S.shp

**Seed Source:**

**UPCD Reg Team Coord Date:**

**Proposed  
NEPA Action:**

**Proposed  
Arch Action:**

☐ **Vegetation Monitoring**      ☐ **Wildlife Monitoring**

**Monitoring Details:** Photopoints will be established to document vegetative changes.  
Sagegrouse will be monitored on near-by leks during on-going lek-counts.

**Cons. Outreach  
Details:**

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## SPECIES BENEFITING

Greater Sage-grouse

Mule Deer

Elk

Shrubsteppe Birds

## LAND OWNERSHIP

Owner	Acres
DWR	1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>

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## PROPOSED FUNDING

Source	Amount Requested	Date Approved	Amount Approved
DNR Watershed (FY09)	\$20,000.00		\$0.00
Habitat Acct 174	\$6,000.00		\$0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$26,000.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

## PROPOSED BUDGET

Item	Description	DWR Account	In Kind/ Partner Contrib.
Contractual Services	Contract Lop and scatter crew	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
Motor Pool	Vehicle mileage	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$26,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

## PROPOSED FUNDING ALLOCATION

Funding Type	Funding Percent
Upland Game	10
Big Game	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## Project Map:

